

REMARKS

Claims 16-26 are presently under consideration in the application and are subject to an election requirement.

Applicants hereby elect Species C (Figs. 6a-6b) without traverse. Applicants consider claims 16-20 and 22-26 readable on the elected species. Claims 16, 17, 19, 20 and 26 are considered generic to the elected species and one or more of the non-elected species.

Applicants respectfully request substantive examination of 16-20 and 22-26.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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